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U.S.—United States Reports (published opinions of the United States Supreme Court)

**F. 2d**—Federal Reporter, Second Series (published opinions of U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal) **U.S.C.A.**—United States Code Annotated

Fed. Reg.—Federal Register

Cal.—California Reports (published opinions of the California Supreme Court; inclusion of a number denotes subsequent series, i.e., Cal. 2d denotes California Reports, Second Series)
 Cal. App. 2d—California Appellate Reports, Second Series (published reports of California)

Courts of Appeal; also, Cal. App. 3d)

Op. Att'y Gen.—California Attorney General Opinions

P.—Pacific Reporter (published opinions from courts of the pacific region; also, P. 2d)

A. 2d—Atlantic Reporter, Second Series (published opinions from atlantic region courts)

Pa., Okl.—Pennsylvania and Oklahoma Reports, respectively (court opinions from Pennsylvania and Oklahoma state courts)

For convenience, references to the California Constitution of 1879 are cited "Constitution," while the federal document is identified as "United States Constitution."

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## **Preface**

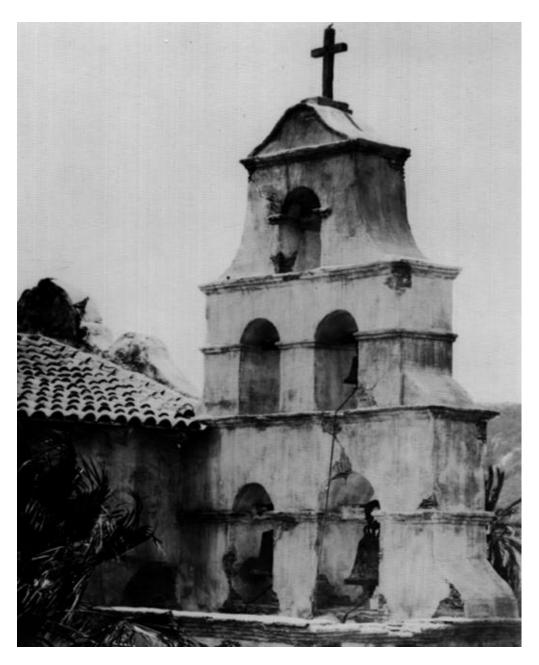
California's Legislature has long been considered one of the most authoritative sources on the legislative branch of government. Since its first publication in 1942 scholars, citizens, elected officials, legislative staff and countless other students of government have relied on it as an essential resource. In addition to information on the legislative process, this publication also contains vital material on the other branches of government and the history of our great state.

This year's revised edition is the first publication since 1986 when former Chief Clerk James D. Driscoll, with the assistance of the Center for California Studies, California State University, Sacramento, published that edition. The 1994 volume reflects the indepth research that was a part of previous editions. There are numerous references, citations and footnotes contained in thirteen chapters, ranging from "California's Historical Background" to the "Legislative Process."

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We are hopeful that the 1994 edition of *California's Legislature* will bring about a better collective understanding of government and in particular the legislative process.

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